

# TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

April 2021

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## Mark Your Calendar

Date	Day	Event
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	6:30-8:00pm Truman Assoc Mtg
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Property Taxes Due (1st half)
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up
July 16-17 <sup>th</sup>	Fri/Sat	TNA Yard Sale Event (tentative)
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	National Night Out
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up
October ?		Truman Association Mtg (date to be determined)

### Your Truman Neighborhood Association Council Members

Cherryl Burkey, Chairwoman      Barry Tweed, Vic-Chairman  
Teresa Tweed, Secretary      Margaret Snitzler, Treasurer  
Members-at-Large: Kathy Robertson      Zane Buxton

Newsletter Editor: Fay Bosman

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*Did you know there are physical benefits to being kind?*



*Kindness releases endorphins in the brain, which help to improve mood, ease anxiety and feel happier.*

*There are many ways to be more generous, whether through small acts of giving, community volunteering or lending a helping hand to your neighbor.*



**Whether you own or rent,  
all neighbors within our  
boundaries are welcome.**

(see page 12)

# Welcome to the first Truman Neighborhood Association Meeting of 2021

Tuesday, April 27th at 6:30pm via Zoom conferencing

This last year has been difficult for most of us, especially being separated from those we know and love. So what better way to bring some normalcy back to our community than a neighborhood meeting!



## Come Zoom with Us

If you are new to Zoom, learn how to download the *FREE* Zoom app, log on, use the chat features, and more, from this excellent [guide](#) or [getting started](#), or watch some helpful “[How To](#)” or “Zoom Tutorial” videos. It really is pretty straight forward, so please don’t be intimidated.

*Or you can do what I did and call your kids or grandkids!*

To Join our Zoom Meeting click the link below:

<https://clark-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/96251910562?pwd=dzlaWmJQTXYlWlhueG1SeHpNdUpTUT09>

If you have problems with the app or are technology challenged (and I say that with complete understanding), you can use any phone to call in to the meeting:

- ⇒ Dial 1-206-337-9723 (Seattle #) or 1-888-788-0099 (Toll-free #);
- ⇒ When prompted: enter the meeting ID 96251910562#
- ⇒ When prompted: for your unique participant ID, simply press # to skip.

## Practice Meeting—Saturday, April 24th from 10:00—10:30 am

If you would like to attend a practice session, email us at [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com).

Include your Name, email address and phone number. All information will be kept private and I will delete your emails after the session is over.

You will need to download the free Zoom app and set up your account prior to the practice meeting. A Zoom Practice Meeting Invite will be emailed to you on Friday, April 23rd along with contact phone numbers should you need to call us.

## Guest Speakers:

Theresa David-Turner, Truman Elementary Principal

Michelle Ames, Truman Family Community Resource Coordinator

We will also be voting on some changes to our Bylaws. Basically these changes allow the Truman Neighborhood Association to conduct meetings and vote using conferencing technology. The proposed changes are on page 3 of this newsletter.

In case you are wondering about the voting at this meeting: we are able to do so because of Governor Inslee's proclamation issued last year which allows organizations with articles of incorporation (which the TNA has) to hold telecommunication conferencing & voting even though not expressly in their current bylaws.

**Look forward to seeing you at our Association meeting**

## Proposed changes to the Truman Neighborhood Association (TNA) Bylaws

To be voted upon at the April 27, 2021 TNA general meeting.  
Key: **Green** text indicate additions. ~~Strikethroughs~~ indicate deletions.

### Article 7 - **Association Meetings**

Section 1. Association meetings shall be scheduled by the TNA Council **and** at least ~~three times~~ **one meeting shall be held** per year.

Section 2. Special Association meetings shall be called by the TNA Council as deemed necessary.

**Section 3. The Council may authorize a general or special meeting of the Association to be conducted through the use of communication technology by which all members participating may simultaneously hear each other and participate in discussion and voting .**

Section ~~3~~ **4**. Association Meetings will: be called to order; have Flag Salute; have Treasurer's report presented; have guest speakers and/or other relevant neighborhood agenda presented; have motion to adjourn meeting.

Section ~~4~~ **5**. Motions made and seconded at Association meetings shall be voted on by members present. Voting shall be done by a show of hands and approval shall be by a majority vote.

Section ~~5~~ **6**. The Quorum for an Association meeting shall be those members present, so long as notice has been duly given.

### Article 8 – Officers/Council

**Section 3. The Council shall meet at least one time per year to prepare for the Association meeting and may hold additional meetings as needed. Council meetings may be conducted through the use of communication technology by which all Council members participating may simultaneously hear each other and participate in discussion and voting during the meeting.**

### Article 10 – Elections

Section 4. Voting: To be by written ballot **or comparable electronic alternative**. An affirmative vote on ballots cast by a majority of those members in attendance at an Association meeting shall be required for election.

### Rear view mirrors then and now by S. Hansen

#### Then

Fuzzy dice  
High school/college graduation tassels  
Baby Shoe  
Sports teams (go Hawks)



#### Now

Masks



### Assistance

DIAL



Help starts here.

Sometimes we all need a little help, whether it is getting a ride to the store or finding someone to talk to when you are feeling down.

If your family is struggling to get enough food, you can apply for food benefits or get help covering the basics by calling 211 or go online to 211.org.

## Truman Neighbors Supporting Truman Elementary

By Cheryl Burkey

On January 20<sup>th</sup> I received word that our beloved Truman Elementary School needed blunt-end scissors for the returning children (to avoid the need to share supplies and to maintain social distance). There was a bit of a time crunch, as grades 1 & 2 would be in class on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> and grades 3 - 5 would return Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. "Not a problem!" I thought.

On January 21<sup>st</sup> I sent out an email-blast to the neighbors on our distribution list, to see who wanted to donate a few dollars for me to purchase some scissors.

What started out as a scissors drive turned into a full-scale school supply drive. Within 25 minutes of sending out the email, I started getting calls and emails and had \$100 pledged. The rest of the day became a blur for me. I did manage to get half a bagel eaten in between neighbors stopping by, calling and emailing.

In total, we raised \$520. I was so blown away by the response that I was smiling and boasting about our awesome Truman Neighbors for days. **Truman Neighbors rock!**

Here is what was purchased for the kids:

- \* 216 pairs of 8-inch scissors, pointed ends
- \* 216 Bic pens - black
- \* 240 pink erasers
- \* 104 dry erase markers
- \* 110 boxes of fine tip markers - 10 count box, assorted colors



Total Cost: \$416.87 (The remaining \$58.13 was donated to Truman PTA's classroom supply fund)

The Truman PTA also purchased classroom supplies and I coordinated with them and Michelle Ames from the school on what was needed. The blunt-end scissors, which started this—about 312 of them— were donated by several neighbors and The First Evangelical Church.

I received the following messages to pass on to Truman neighbors:

**Theresa David-Turner, Truman Elementary Principal -**

"Thank you ever so much for continuing to support Truman's staff and students...even from a distance! I am not aware of another neighborhood association that works this closely with a school. We've missed seeing you, but have continued to feel your support. Thank you for your generous, thoughtful donations. Please know that the donations will be well-used. Can't wait to have you inside our beautiful new building some day!"

**Lee Gunter, Associate Principal—**

"Thank you so much, Truman Neighborhood Association, for your contribution to our school. You are setting a great example to our students of what it means to be a part of a community. Your donations will go a long way in making our students feel welcomed, supported, and prepared to succeed in school. Our school is very fortunate to have such a supportive partnership with our neighbors. Thank You!"

**Michelle Ames, Family Community Resource Coordinator—**

"Thank you so much for the generous donations! I am amazed by the care that you have shown to the children of Truman. One of the things this allows is for me to be able to distribute equitably to all students. What this means is that no single student is going to stand out as not being able to afford their own schools supplies. Some of you may have no idea what a gift this is to so many students. It might seem a simple act but it is huge in many ways. Thank you for giving and caring. This school is different because of the neighborhood that makes it a community. Thank you!"

**Becky Lewis, Lori Anderson, Ruby Berg and Sharon Bailey, second-grade teachers -**

"Thanks so much on behalf of our second-grade team. We appreciate your generosity with the purchases of school supplies for our classrooms! Getting students ready for Hybrid learning meant having double of so many things. It took a lot of work to prepare our rooms for this new approach to learning. We are grateful to our Truman community who care about our students!"

**Kristin Tepsic, Literacy Facilitator—**

"This is so awesome and amazing!! What a great community we are surrounded by=)"

## To All You Industrious Vegetable Gardeners

Many of us grow our own vegetables and many more are starting to grow small gardens. Good for you! You are getting fresh air & exercise while eating healthier.

However, if you have never grown zucchini you may find that the 2 or 3 plants you grew for only 2 people are starting to over run your refrigerator or kitchen counters.

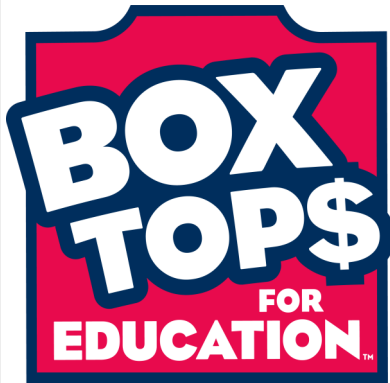
If anyone finds that they have too much produce from their gardens, please consider donating your extra bounty to a food pantry. I have a rather large garden and always plant extra to help those less fortunate. Last year I and a few other neighbors donated 22 pounds of tomatoes and over 80 pounds of zucchini and yellow summer squash.

If you would like to drop off your extra produce to me, I will gladly take it to the Westside FISH food pantry on Harney Street. I usually go down on Mondays. I do this in conjunction with the Clark Neighbors Food Project and I am a Neighborhood Coordinator for my area as well as your TNA Chairwoman. You can reach me, Cheryl Burkey via email at [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com) or by phone at 360-696-8562

(please leave a message).



The **Box Tops for Education** program wants you to put down your scissors, because they have gone DIGITAL and it couldn't be easier!



1. Download the "Box Tops for Education" app from your smartphone or tablet's app store (See "[How To Earn](#)")
2. Register and designate **Harry S Truman Elementary School** to receive your rewards.
3. Purchase everyday items that have the Box Tops logo (and be sure to check the [full list of participating products](#), as some are not labeled).
4. To get credit for your purchases, just go into the app, take a picture of your receipt and press submit.

(If you can't don't have a device to use an app, simply register on the [website](#) and upload your receipts there.)

Remember, you don't have to be a parent to contribute: grandparents, other family members, friends and neighbors can submit Box Tops to benefit Truman Elementary through the app! All funds go towards programs and events that directly benefit Truman Trailblazers.

If you shop for groceries online or have digital receipts, you can submit your email receipts to earn Box Tops for our school! Visit the app/website for details, and to see a full list of participating retailers.

If you have any questions, contact Brooke with the Truman PTA at [trumanpta3.7.75@gmail.com](mailto:trumanpta3.7.75@gmail.com).

*The* Clark Neighbors Food Project  
**GREEN BAG REPORT**

FEBRUARY 2021

While roses are red and violets are blue,  
 Just look, all these families are fed!  
 It's great work that you do!

Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> Pick-Up	<b>17,255</b> lbs of food collected	<b>14,322</b> meals delivered	<b>\$2,525</b> donated
2021 Year-to-Date	<b>17,255</b> lbs of food collected	<b>14,322</b> meals delivered	<b>\$2,525</b> donated
Since 2017 Inception	<b>141,360</b> lbs of food collected	<b>117,329</b> meals delivered	

HEADS UP: Our next pick-up is Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

All-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Clark County WA

ClarkFoodProject@gmail.com  
 RidgefieldFoodProject@gmail.com

[www.clarkfoodproject.org](http://www.clarkfoodproject.org)



**276 pounds of food collected for the Truman Elementary School's  
 Community Resource Center for families in need**

**6494 pounds collected at the Westside Fish Food Pantry**

ARTHUR D. CURTIS CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER

# April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



## Pinwheels for Prevention

Plant a Pinwheel Garden in Your Community

Pinwheels represent childlike whimsy and lightheartedness, and our vision for a world where all children grow up happy, healthy and prepared to succeed in supportive families and communities

If you would like to show your support for this awareness program, and would like a set of blue pinwheels, feel free to contact Cherryl Burkey at:

[trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com).

She is putting together sets of 5 that can easily be placed in your front yard or placed in a flower pot (with some dirt to hold them) and set out in front of your home.

Don't be surprised if they are taken by children - that is one of the goals!

Should you have any pinwheels left over after April 30th, please collect them for use next year as this will be an annual event.

# The Bluebird Project



## THE BLUEBIRD NEST BOX

- **A good bluebird box** should be well ventilated, watertight, have drainage holes and no perch. It should be easy to open, monitor, easy to clean, and made from solid, untreated wood. The outside of boxes can be painted or stained.
- **Western and Mountain Bluebirds** use a 1 9/16" round opening or or 1 3/16 inch slot entrance. Although bluebirds seem to prefer oval holes, smaller European Starlings may be able to enter them, especially if they are not exactly 1 3/8" x 2 1/4". Nest boxes that are on the small to moderate side reduce the likelihood of starling use.
- **Use "paired boxes"** (a second box 20 - 30 feet from the first) if nesting bluebirds are harassed or driven off by tree swallows. Tree swallow pairs will select one box for nesting and defend the other box against use by other swallows, allowing the bluebirds to claim it. This strategy enables successful nesting of both bluebirds and equally beneficial tree swallows.
- **Mounting:** Avoid mounting bluebird boxes on a fenceline or on trees where climbing mammals or snakes are present. Smooth round pipe is probably the best and simplest mounting system to use — ½" or 1" electrical conduit works well, but any smooth scrap round pipe, driven into the ground, will work. See the NABS factsheet on [Predator Control](#).
- Plans for building nest boxes are available [here](#).

Some other useful links -

[Getting Started With Bluebirds](#)

[The Bluebird Nestbox](#)

[Monitoring The Bluebird Box](#)

[Bluebird FAQs](#)

[North American Bluebird Society](#)

[CT Eastern Bluebird Page](#)

78<sup>th</sup> Street, Heritage Farm  
*Bluebird Journal*



"In the summer of 2011, two Western bluebirds (*Sialia mexicana*) were spotted at the Heritage Farm. Not commonly seen in this area, [this page](#) documents the attempts to support their nesting and use of the 79-acre farm property as well as other suitable habitat in Clark County.

"If you spot Western bluebirds in Clark County, please contact the WSU Clark County Extension office and let me know! We would love to encourage them and develop habitat for them in this area!"

- Erika Johnson, Master Gardener Coordinator  
WSU Extension Clark County (564) 397-5738

### Keep a Nest Box Journal

Maintaining a log or journal on your nest boxes helps document box success or failure for end-of-season surveys.

A journal provides information on when eggs are expected to hatch, when young are likely to make their first flights, and why a problem may have developed with the nestlings.

Keep records in a way that makes sense to you and is easy to complete.

Some suggestions:

**Date:** time and weather conditions

**Nest:** type, materials used, date started, date completed, height of nest

**Eggs:** number, date first egg laid, date last egg laid

**Young:** number, hatch date, age (hatch date = day 1), condition

**Parasites:** type, any control measures taken

**Fledglings:** number, date

**Comments:** any observations of interest, such as competitors, predation problems, banding information, behavioral notes



## VANCOUVER FARMERS MARKET

Vancouver Farmers Market is springing into the 2021 season, opening Saturday, March 20, 2021

Shopping the farmers' market is a great way to eat fresh from local sources; the farmer is usually right there in front of you!

The Vancouver Farmers Market is again offering online ordering for curbside pickup this year. Browse from a wide variety of farm, food, and artisan products and place your order for contactless curbside pickup. The Online Market opens each week for orders on Monday at 8:00 AM and closes Thursday at 8:00 PM; pickups take place on Sundays at the Historic Slocum House (605 Esther St, Vancouver WA 98660) from 10AM to 2PM.

The Market is located downtown on Esther Street between 8th and 6th and will be open, rain or shine, March 20 to October 31, 2021, Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sundays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## The Full Moons of 2021

(info from The Farmer's Almanac)

A full moon is a gift from nature and a great reason to pull away from a phone, TV and other devices to go outside. When the weather is right, it's an amazing show and one that is sure to mesmerize viewers of any age. (And if you miss a full moon, don't worry. The moon stays roughly the same size two nights in a row.)



January 27th, the Wolf Moon

February 27th, the Snow Moon

March 28th, the Worm Moon

April 26th, the Pink Moon

May 26th, the Flower Moon

June 24th, the Strawberry Moon

July 23rd, the Buck Moon

August 22nd, the Sturgeon Moon

September 20th, the Harvest Moon

October 20th, the Hunter's Moon

November 19th, the Beaver Moon

December 18th, the Cold Moon

## **“Repair Goes Remote” Program Reopens**

(Also known as Repair Clark County)



### **Reduce Waste. Conserve Resources. Save Money.**

Repair Clark County fixers are ready to try and add new life to your broken items, for FREE, with the “Repair Goes Remote” program.

Repair Clark County is a program of Columbia Springs that organizes events around the county for folks to bring broken household items, and usually have those items fixed by expert volunteer “fixers”. These popular events had to be postponed or modified due to current health concerns.

The new program will be offering drop-off and pick-up service to help with your “fixes”. Community members can drop off items to-be-repaired on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. *Pre-registration is required.* Once preregistration is completed, clients will receive additional drop-off details, including location, parking, etc. via email 12-36 hours before the next scheduled drop-off time.

The volunteer fixers will pick up items and attempt a repair. Clients can collect completed items (fixed, not fixable, or in-progress) every 2nd and 4th Monday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

So, what kind of items can you bring in for repair? Pretty much anything that can be carried by one person and is not a microwave, gas engine or bicycle. Some examples include clothing, small home appliances or electronics, jewelry, and tools/knives for sharpening.

This is a volunteer program and there are no guarantees an item can be fixed, or that attempting to fix it won't break it even more; but last year, volunteers had an 84% success rate.

For program information and to register your item for repair, visit their webpage:

<https://www.columbiasprings.org/events/repair-clark-county/>



## Native Plant Appreciation Month

**April 2021**

This is a great opportunity to recognize the importance of native plants in our environment! Native plants provide important support to our native pollinators, birds, and other wildlife, and play a vital role in protecting water quality. Take a deeper dive into native plants and all the amazing things they do by watching our [Watershed Stewardship webinar on plants](#) or by exploring our [native plant resources webpage](#). If you're looking for more ways to appreciate plants this month, the [Washington Native Plant Society](#) has a full round-up of educational events scheduled throughout April.



### Let it All Soak In: A Rain Garden Webinar

A stunning landscape feature and stormwater device all in one! Rain gardens are a unique way to protect the water quality of your local creek, lake or the Columbia River while spiffing up the garden at the same time. Come away with a solid understanding of rain gardens—their benefits, suitable locations and tools for design and installation. Have a look at lovely rain garden plants for sun or shade and become familiar with the [Rain Garden Handbook for Western Washington Homeowners](#). After this 90-minute webinar by Colleen Miko, you'll be ready to tame the rain.

This webinar is put on by the WSU Clark County Extension Master Gardener Program in collaboration with Clark County Public Health – Solid Waste Outreach. Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Register in advance:

[https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYlfu-srzqkH9AtbW\\_8wyM515rxu15EngMa](https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYlfu-srzqkH9AtbW_8wyM515rxu15EngMa). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Contact [Erika.d.johnson@wsu.edu](mailto:Erika.d.johnson@wsu.edu) or 564-397-5738 for more information.

## TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOUNDARIES

**North:** NE 52nd St through to NE 51st St, ending at NE 56th Av

**East:** NE 54th Ave (between SR-500 & NE 47th St), NE 47th St (between NE 54th Ave & NE 56th Ave), NE 56th Ave north to NE 51st St

**South:** SR-500

**West:** St. Johns Rd (following Vancouver city boundary)

**Map link:** [www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/truman](http://www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/truman)

We hope that you find the TNA newsletter a valuable resource to help you stay up to date with neighborhood news.

We publish our newsletters on our webpage at:

[www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/Truman](http://www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/Truman)

Please bookmark this link

### Please join us on Nextdoor Truman

Babysitter needed

Free kids bike!

Garage sale this Saturday

Car break-in!  
See anything?

Anyone missing  
a dog?



Nextdoor is the free and private social network just for Truman neighbors. On Nextdoor, neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more.

*Our neighborhood is using a private online network called Nextdoor. Please join us to build a better neighborhood!*

Please join us!

[www.nextdoor.com/join](http://www.nextdoor.com/join)  
Code: BCKTLD

### TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PURPOSE

1. To address community issues within our boundaries
2. To form a greater sense of community between residents
3. To generate a unified voice in local government.
4. To create a sense of neighborhood ownership for all persons residing within the boundaries
5. To organize social and community enhancement events to bring the neighborhood together

All persons 18 years of age or older and businesses residing within the boundaries will be considered members of the association. This applies equally to homeowners and renters, as this is a neighborhood association not a homeowner's association.

### CONTACT US

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